

**Average Waiting Time For Referrals To A State Hospital For Persons In Emergency Departments By Hospital
SFY 2013**

	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Total # Patients	Total Avg Hrs Waiting
Hospital	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting	# Patients	Avg Hrs Waiting		
Broughton Hospital	153	121.57	148	98.32	115	95.86	117	77.10	117	81.47	91	83.06	741	93.66
Central Regional Hospital	197	102.13	230	136.30	226	113.42	273	101.63	220	76.78	228	139.16	1,374	111.70
Cherry Hospital	172	83.12	189	70.10	194	82.61	178	96.84	135	80.06	163	69.62	1,031	80.45
Grand Total	522	98.79	567	103.67	535	98.43	568	95.66	472	78.82	482	102.97	3,146	96.59

What the data DOES include:

- Every referral from an Emergency Department, regardless of whether the referral turned into an admission
- Average hours waiting; from the time the ED submitted necessary paperwork/information to the state hospital to the time the state hospital called the ED to inform them a bed was available. The wait time is also stopped once the state hospital discovers the patient was sent elsewhere or taken off the IVC (this is dependent upon the ED following through to inform the state that alternative arrangements were made).
- Referrals from every LME-MCO in North Carolina
- Referrals for every state hospital in North Carolina
- Referrals for all ages and service types

What the data DOES NOT include:

- Those patients that did not wait on delay at all, such as walk-ins, drop offs, voluntary patients, or those brought from jail on a judge's order or taken in immediately despite the delay (all subject to EMTALA)
- Length of time it took the ED to send all the necessary referral information in order to make a decision
- Number of inappropriate referrals and withdrawn referrals
- Which referrals came from a 3-Way Contract Bed
- Whether or not the referring ED tried to place the patient in a community-based hospital prior to referring to the state hospital

Western Highlands merged with Smoky Mountain Center October 1, 2013.